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# DEMOCRACY AT FINAL TEST: PRESIDENT WILSON

## PACKING HOUSE EMPLOYEES ARE GRANTED 5 PCT. WAGE INCREASE

RESULTS OF PROLONGED ARBITRATION ARE ANNOUNCED

COSTS \$2,750,000. OF BIG BANK ROLL

BIG FIVE AND ALL ALLIED INDUSTRIES ARE HIT BY DECISION HANDED DOWN TODAY BY ARBITRATOR JUDGE SAMUEL AL SCHULER.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—A 5 per cent wage increase for the period between Monday, July 5, 1920, and Sunday, Dec. 2, 1920, was granted employees of the packing and allied industries in a decision handed down today by Judge Samuel Alschuler, arbitrator for all packing house wage disputes.

The employees had asked a flat increase of \$1 a day. The decision upholds the contention of the packers that the cost of living has fallen, such an extent that increases of the future were not justified, but found that the employees were entitled to an increase over the amount paid during the last five months.

The retroactive award will give, or average of \$2.50, to approximately 100,000 men, packing officials estimated, for a total of \$2,750,000.

### Congress Quiz Demanded

Washington, Dec. 7.—Congressional investigation of the increasing unemployment to determine what action, if any, to relieve the situation can be taken by the government was proposed in a joint resolution introduced in the house today by a representative Mason of Illinois.

## FREEDOM WOMAN CHARGES HUSBAND WITH DESERTION

MRS. MYRA BAGLEY ALLEGES HER HUSBAND LEFT HER ELEVEN YEARS AFTER THEIR WEDDING AND HAS NOT BEEN TURNED FOR TWO YEARS.

Mrs. Myra Bagley of Freedom started suit for divorce against James W. Bagley in the Circuit Court this morning. Mrs. Bagley charged the defendant with desertion. She alleged that they were married March 17, 1907, and lived together until April 16, 1918.

The defendant deserted her at the time of their separation, she claimed, and has since refused to live with her. The couple are the parents of two children, a son, Clarence, aged 13, and a daughter, Alma, aged 6.

### Seeks \$271.94 Legacy.

To obtain possession of a legacy valued at \$271.94 left by the late Margaret Ebersole's estate a petition for letters of administration in the estate of Katherine Herr who died at her home in Menard, April 27, 1916, was filed in the Probate Court yesterday. Public Administrator Frank F. Follett has been appointed executor.

The holdings of Mrs. Herr are listed as the share of Mrs. Ebersole's estate. Her adult children, Philip and Fred Herr, Elizabeth Faber, Margaret Hulme and Christina Ackerman are the heirs.

## TOURING CAR AND TROLLEY IN CRASH

A local street car and a touring car figure in a collision at 11 o'clock this morning between La Salle and Clinton streets, on West Main street. The auto came out of the affair the worst, having a broken mud guard, radiator, lamp, tender and bumper to show the result of the accident. The machine was driven and owned by C. R. Seeley of Chicago. Motorman Richard Morton was in charge of the street car.

The auto was turning out of the Conde garage, when it and another car bumped. Motorman Morton claims that he saw the machine headed toward him and brought the street car to a dead stop. The auto, he claims, crashed into the front of his vehicle.

## HAS FRIENDS HELD FOR FRISKING HIM

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## YOUTH WHO OBTAINED LICENSE SANS GIRL'S CONSENT IS ARRESTED

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## MAIL THIEVES ROB ENGLEWOOD STATION

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The contents of four registered mail pouches stolen last night from a track at the Englewood Union station were being traced today by postal inspectors while postmen sought the culprits.

With the help of the telephone, the postmen with three others were looking for the "Dixie Flyer" on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad line west of Pittsfield, looking for some southern point, another from Cincinnati, another from a small town between Chicago and Evansville Ind., and the fourth, still missing, containing mail from Chicago to towns near Joliet, Ill.

HARDING CALLS ON WILSON: NOT RECEIVED

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Harding called at the White House this afternoon. Senator Harding did not see the President. He dined in the north entrance and left his card.

## WILSON IS AWARDED NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

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## Do Your Christmas Hinting Early



## BODY OF LIEUT. S. W. RAYMOND ON WAY HOME; ARRIVES THIS MONTH

RELATIVES HERE GET WORD THAT REMAINS OF OFFICER WHO DIED IN ACTION WILL BE RECEIVED IN OTTAWA DEC. 19 OR 20.

Ottawa will soon have the opportunity of paying homage to the memory of one of its first fallen heroes in the world's great war. Information has been received here that the body of Lieut. S. W. Raymond will probably reach this city about the 19th or 20th of this month, providing ocean travel is not seriously interrupted. Arrangements to the proper reception of the remains and the interment will be taken up at once, as it is almost certain that the obsequies will take the character of a public funeral of great importance.

With the return "home" of Lieut. Raymond's body, Ottawa will be given its first opportunity to pay homage and devotion to one of its heroes who died overseas. Among the several who gave their lives for Old Glory while fighting with the A. E. F. in France, the remains of the "Dixie Flyer" on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad line west of Pittsfield, looking for some southern point, another from Cincinnati, another from a small town between Chicago and Evansville Ind., and the fourth, still missing, containing mail from Chicago to towns near Joliet, Ill.

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Coming Home!



Lieut. S. W. Raymond

Lieut. Raymond—who died in the fall of 1918, about ten months after he was killed. She left two little children, Jean, who is now aged 5, and little "Bill," who is just over 3. Bill was only 7 months old at the time of his hero father's death and is unable to remember either the father or the mother. The latter died after a short illness of influenza and pneumonia. Since her death, his grandmother has cared for her son's babies.

Louis Raymond was killed August 1918 at Hillsboro, Oregon, in the 40th Inf. Regt., of the 10th Division. Although no formal arrangements had been made, the funeral will be a simple affair. Hennel, military chaplain, will officiate. The High School cadets and members of the American Legion will march in the funeral procession.

A registration card was found bearing the name Albert J. Thorne, Rochester, Ind. This was filed September 1918.

There was also a baggage ticket issued by the Chicago, Rock Island & St. Louis, Dec. 3, 1918.

The body was brought to Morris to await identification and burial.

ALASKA FLYER IN OTTAWA FOR VISIT

Lient. Clarence Crumrine, who died in October from Minneola field, N.Y. to Nome, Alaska, was in Ottawa today visiting friends.

Lient. Crumrine went to the O. H. S. where he was a former student. To visit his old teacher. Tomorrow noon Lient. Crumrine will deliver an address at a regular luncheon of the Ottawa Rotary Club.

KELLY COMMISSION MAILED FROM CAPITAL

Spiegelblatt, Dec. 7.—A commission authorizing him to serve as state's attorney of La Salle county for the next four years was mailed out of Springfield today by Secretary of State Emerson to Harry F. Kelly of Ottawa, who was elected to that post

## MESSAGE READ TODAY ADVOCATES LAWS TO RESTORE 'NORMALCY'

Washington, Dec. 7.—Sitting in separate sessions the house and senate received the president's annual message today and the house adjourned immediately afterwards.

The senate continued in session sometime, receiving its first bills and resolutions. The house listened to the President's message in silence until it was concluded when the democrats applauded. There was some applause also from the galleries. In the senate arrival of the white house messenger with an armful of communications including some 17,000 telegrams and other appointments, several messages in writing from the President caused laughter on the floor. Debate on farmers' relief measures was in progress and it was half an hour before the clerk began reading the President's message.

The President's message was transmitted to both houses by messenger; the President adhering to his decision not to address congress in person. Public galleries were filled and several diplomats were present.

President Wilson's concrete recommendations:

Revision of the tax laws, with simplification of the income and profits taxes.

Independence for the Philipines.

Loan to Armenia.

Economy in government appropriations and expenditures and creation of a workable budget system.

Cold storage and other laws affecting the cost of living.

The federal licensing of corporations as recommended to previous messages.

Rehabilitation and rearing of disabled soldiers and sailors.

The President did not indicate a bonus.

No Reference to League.

Nowhere did the President refer to the League of Nations or the permanent rights, except perhaps by reference in his opening when he quoted Abraham Lincoln's "Let us have faith that right makes might and in the right let us unite to do our duty we understand it."

At close the President wrote a paragraph which might be regarded as a validating saying:

"I have not so much faith in your series of recommendations, gentlemen, as would to enter a confession of faith in the truth in which I was bred and which it is my solemn purpose to stand by until my last dying day. I believe this to be the faith of America, the faith of the future, and of all the victories which await national action in the days to come, whether in America or elsewhere."

Democracy's Final Test.

Democracy, the President said, is being put upon its final test. The old world is just now suffering from a violent reaction of the principles of democracy and a